

REMARKS

As a preliminary matter, the Examiner is requested to acknowledge receipt of both priority documents. In particular, it is not understood why the Office Action of April 4, 2003 indicates "some" of the priority documents were received.

The claims now recite chemically peeling agents consisting essentially of recited proportions of polyethylene glycol and salicylic acid, resorcinol or phenol and application thereof.

If the Examiner would enter the amendment and allow the application only if claims 13-16 would not be present, she is hereby authorized to cancel claims 13-16 by Examiner's Amendment.

It is well settled that "consisting essentially of" means that what appears thereafter is a comprehensive listing of essential ingredients of the composition.

Tamarkin and Reeve have been applied only to claim 8, which has now been canceled.

Since the Examiner has not rejected claims 10 and 11, it is presumed they are allowable. In any event, neither Oota nor Reeve et al anticipate any of claims 9-16.

Oota requires the presence of about 10 weight % ethanol. That is an essential ingredient of Oota's composition. Oota's composition consists essentially of about 60 wt% polyethylene glycol, 30 wt% salicylic acid and 10 wt% ethanol

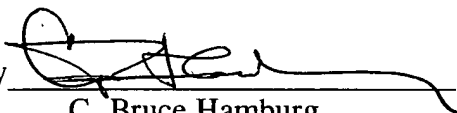
and, hence, does not anticipate the presently claimed composition. Moreover, the Oota composition is applied for treatment of dermatophytosis, not for chemical skin peeling.

Essential ingredients of Reeve et al include an organic polysaccharide gum and a hydroxybenzoic acid, both absent from the claims of the present application. Moreover, the Reeve et al composition, which may be used for the transdermal delivery of salicylic acid, has nothing to do with chemical skin peeling.

Applicant respectfully requests a one month extension of time for responding to the Office Action. Please charge the fee of \$110.00 for the extension of time to Deposit Account No. 10-1250. Please charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 10-1250.

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